

field, and when it was known that Sheridan, with a large force of cavalry, was at or near Dinwiddie Court House, we were hurriedly rushed to that place to intercept him. The rains for several days had been very heavy and the ground was miry and the streams much swollen. On the 31st of March we met Sheridan's forces about three miles from the Court House, near a small stream at ordinary water, but then a wide and raging current, known as Chamberlain's Run. A part of the enemy had crossed the stream and was met by the Barringer Brigade, the Fifth Cavalry being in front. After some severe fighting the enemy was driven back across the stream and then we were dismounted and a line of battle was formed by the Sixty-third (Fifth Cav.) and Ninth (First Cav.) Regiments and we were ordered to cross the creek and pursue the enemy.

I agree with General Rufus Barringer as to the correctness of his article in general, but I differ with him as to some particulars in his description of this fight at Chamberlain's Run, and I feel it a duty to more fully describe the part taken by the First Regiment North Carolina Cavalry in this celebrated battle. I know that General Barringer was honest in his convictions, and where there is a difference in our description of this battle, it must be attributed to our different opportunities for observation.

In the morning attack, upon reaching the creek we were dismounted and formed a line some hundred and fifty yards above the ford. Colonel McNeill's Sixty-third (Fifth Cav.) Regiment was also dismounted and was to cross at the ford. My right failed to connect with his left by a space of over one hundred yards. The stream was very much swollen by recent heavy rains, and at places was impassable by reason of briars and swamp undergrowth. In my immediate front it was over one hundred yards wide and as deep as the men's waists. On the opposite side, and extending down the creek to about the right of my regiment, was an open field about fifty yards wide, and beyond this field a thicket of half-grown pines that extended back for a